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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. This amendment cancels all previously submitted claims and adds new claims 10–12.

Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the final action that was mailed April 8, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests that the fees for this extension be charged to our deposit account in addition to the RCE filing fee for a large entity.

New claim 10 presents the subject matter of claim 1 (canceled) with additional features to distinguish the invention from the prior art. Claims 11 and 12 are the same as previous claims 2 and 5 that were submitted in response to the final action. The pending claims clarify that the adhesive agent employed in the present invention is applied to a plurality of portions of one surface of the damper body and that the adhesive agent is of a type that has viscosity even after being dried, in addition to that the adhesive agent has tackiness. A plurality of flattened tinsel cords are bonded to the plurality of portions of the damper body where the adhesive agent is applied. Claim 1 further recites that the flattened tinsel cords are bonded to the adhesive agent only by applying a pressure thereto, which the prior art fails to disclose or suggest.

It should be noted that the tinsel wire disclosed in the prior art is cylindrical instead of flattened as recited in claim 10.

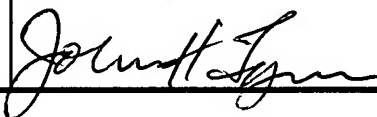
Moreover, the prior art suggests nothing related to the use of an adhesive having

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tackiness and a viscoelasticity even after being dried.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance for the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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